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**RUBBER COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING HYDROXYL GROUPS**

the specification of which is attached hereto,

or was filed on March 20, 2000

as a PCT Application Serial No. PCT/EP00/02452

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

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